

I am writing on behalf of Solvay Solexis - now Solvay Specialty Polymers - to express our support for this duty suspension legislation. Solvay Specialty Polymers and its related companies employ almost 1,000 people in the United States in high-skill, high paying jobs in such states as New Jersey, Georgia, Ohio, and elsewhere. The products covered under these duty suspensions are used in a variety of applications, including

- The manufacture of lubricants used in extreme temperature conditions (including the Mars Rover)
- The manufacture of rubber products used to make gaskets, hoses, and other products used in automobiles (a key to extending the economically useful life of a vehicle)
- The manufacture of high strength plastics used to make parts for aerospace, health care, and hybrid vehicle manufacturers
- Grease-resistant coatings used for pet food bags, fast food wrappers, and glossy magazine pages, among others

Both Solvay and our customers use these unique specialty chemicals for value-added manufacturing in the United States. These duty suspensions directly support jobs in the United States and are important to maintaining a manufacturing presence in this country.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment.